



Sunday, February 11, 2018

9:00 a.m.

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~Welcome~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the insert found in the back of the ELW cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

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Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Insert is found in the back of the ELW Hymnal

*Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

C: we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,

for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

ELW 811

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE**

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***NOW THE FEAST**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: God of miracles, Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day.

Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe.

Amen.

CHOIR *Listen to Your Children*

PSALM: Psalm 27:1-4

A: ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; ¹whom then | shall I
fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be
afraid?

C: ²When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.

A: ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

**C: ⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my
life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the
temple.**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

***GOSPEL VERSE**

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THE READING: John 9:1-41

¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight

¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

*APOSTLES' CREED

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the ministry of the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for congregations near and far, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world...

A: let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

A: ...Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

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*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY NFC Page 11

***LORDS PRAYER** NFC Page 13

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

SHARING COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. You may kneel at the railing or stand. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine is purple, grape juice is yellow) and drink. Keep the cup and place in bowl the provided through the side exit as you leave the altar and walk back to your pew. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.

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COMMUNION HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* 3X ELW 473

COMMUNION HYMN
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less ELW 597

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Holly Loomis **Lector** ~ Carolyn Lien

Acolytes ~ Sully Schlieckau & Karly Lewellin

Greeter ~ Joanne Gyland **Ushers** ~ Ryan & Hilary Terland Family

Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Peace Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Karen Hayes & Joy Graffin

Nursery ~ Sonja Jacobson & Jenna Christensen

Offering Counters ~ Carroll Ehrke & Joy Graffin

Audio Ministry ~ Karen Hayes

Church Lock-up ~ Judy Rusch

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. **If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you. *Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

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| -Nancy Walheim | -Lyle Walheim | -Lowell Severson |
| -Justin Bloomer | -Bryan Porter | -Kevin Porter |
| -Phyllis Vergenz | -Sara Depies | -Christy Anderson |
| -Jody Anderson | -Jan Lehman | -Patty Swain Krueger |
| - Don Lundy | -Mary Ellen Christensen* | |
| - The grieving family of Pastor A. Stanley Christensen. | | |

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty.)

~Attendance Report~

February 4: 87
January 28: 79
January 21: 68
January 14: 95

~Calendar~

Sunday, February 11, 2018

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Valentine Brunch hosted by Youth
- 10:15am Sunday School
- 11:00am Youth Gathering Meeting
- 6pm-8pm Rise Up Synod Youth Meeting @ Our Saviors in Sun Prairie

Monday, February 12, 2018

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:00am Peace Circle at Marilyn Gunderson's Home
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10:00am-12:00pm Pastor's Office Hours
- 5:30pm CART Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Ash Wednesday

- 10:30am Book Study
- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at EKLC
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 15, 2018

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 8am-12pm Pin & Sew (no lunch)
- 11:30am Conference Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Announcements~

Join us in friendship hall today following worship for a Valentines brunch hosted by the EKL Youth Group!

Adult Book Study started Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30 am.

Join us on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, we will gather and work our way through *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. This is an in depth study with DVD and a book. All are welcome to join in the study at any time!

For this year's emphasis on giving for Lent, the Worship Committee has chosen the Million Dollar Mission Jar Challenge which Sabra and Eric Jacobson introduced to us after the last Synod Assembly. World Hunger will be the recipient of this , and we encourage each family to participate with \$40 in 40 Days. If that level is not possible for you, then whatever you can manage will be much appreciated. This donation will be taken to Synod Assembly by our voting delegates. Thank you so much for your participation.

Did you know.....that the Health Ministry committee has individually wrapped hand sanitizer wipes available for your use at church? They are located in a clear, covered container in the narthex on the table behind the left door from the narthex into the sanctuary. During the recent widespread cases of influenza and other viruses throughout the country, we encourage you to feel free to use them. Thank you! ~The Health Ministry

Attention Seniors Join others from our community at the Amundson Center on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon for Area Senior Dining. Enjoy a delicious healthy meal and conversation. Open to anyone over the age of 60. For questions and to make reservations please call 608-838-7117. (Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours before) Suggested donation of \$4.



~Lent Services~

Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion
and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesdays during Lent: 12:00 Noon ELW Morning Prayer & 7:00pm ELW Evening Prayer

“The Call to ‘I AM’: A Five Part Lenten Series”

Come and hear the many ways that Jesus reveals “I AM” to the people around him. All of the readings through this series come from the Gospel of John, which we are focusing on in worship this year. This series will help give us a better picture of who Jesus is and how he changes our lives.

- Feb. 21: I AM the Bread of Life
- Feb. 28: I AM the Light of the World
- Mar. 7: I AM the Door
- Mar. 14: I AM the Good Shepherd
- Mar. 21: I AM the Resurrection and the Life.

~Sermon Notes~
